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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO NEWSMEN

FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF REMARKS TO PRESS IN PARIS ON
THREE OCCASIONS FEB. 19: 1. BY MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES
AND THE SECRETARY AFTER BREAKFAST AT ELYSEE; 2. BY
SECRETARY AT FRANKLIN-JEFFERSON EXHIBITION, THE GRAND
PALAIS; AND 3. BY SECRETARY BEFORE DEPARTURE AT ORLY:

1. FOLLOWING BREAKFAST AT ELYSEE:
MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES: "THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS
HAD A VERY THOROUGH CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC. MOST OF THE PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED; MOST
OF THESE INDEED WERE THOSE WE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED
YESTERDAY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS BROUGHT A VERY
DETAILED REPORT ON THE TRIP HE HAS JUST MADE THROUGH
THE MIDDLE EAST, AND WHICH HE WILL RESUME DURING THE
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COURSE OF THE MONTH OF MARCH. THE QUESTION OF ENERGY

WAS TREATED AND THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE CARRIED ON IN THE SPIRIT OF MARTINIQUE AND CONFORM WITH DECISIONS TAKEN AT MARTINIQUE. WE HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN THE DIRECTION WHICH WE HAVE AGREED TO FOLLOW TOGETHER". SECRETARY KISSINGER: "I AGREE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE VERY INTERESTING. WE COVERED THE WHOLE AGENDA OF FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. I REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT MY RECENT TRIP AND THE PROSPECTS OF ANOTHER STEP TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND WE EXCHANGED VIEWS ABOUT ENERGY AND THE PREPARATION OF THE CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE WHICH IS GOING AHEAD SATISFACTORILY, AND ALL THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED, AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER POINTED OUT, IN THE SPIRIT OF MARTINIQUE; THAT IS, COOPERATION, FRANKNESS AND FRIENDSHIP."

Q.: "IS THE U.S. GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH?"

A.: "I THINK THAT GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THAT DIRECTION."

2. DURING VISIT TO FRANKLIN-JEFFERSON EXHIBIT:

Q.: "DO YOU THINK THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD PEACE?"

SECRETARY: "I THINK THAT IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AN EASING OF RELATIONS."

Q.: "DID YOU TRY TO SETTLE A FLOOR PRICE WITH THE SAUDI ARABIANS?"

SECRETARY: "I DID NOT ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A FLOOR PRICE WITH THE SAUDIS."

3. BEFORE DEPARTING ONLY:

"THE MEETINGS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT WERE VERY SATISFACTORY. WE REVIEWED THE WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT CONCERN THE U.S. AND FRANCE, WHICH IS ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING WE REVIEWED THE WORLD SITUATION. WE SPOKE, OF COURSE, ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, THE ENERGY PROBLEM, AND THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS, TOWARD WHICH GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE, AND ALL OF THESE TALKS WERE CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. I'D LIKE TO

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THANK THE PRESIDENT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE VERY WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION THAT I RECEIVED. THANK YOU."

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